

VETO MESSAGE

March 5, 1875.¹⁴

Hon. R. B. Hubbard, President of the Senate:

Sir—I return herewith Senate bill No. 451, without my approval, and respectfully ask its reconsideration.

This is a bill incorporating the Houston, East and West Texas Railway Company, etc., and doubtless, through inadvertence, no defined time is specified within which the company shall organize. It is contrary to public policy to grant the State's franchises, except on condition that they be used within some reasonable time which should be designated. With a correction in this particular, I will be pleased to approve the bill.

RICHARD COKE.

¹⁴Senate Journal, 467.